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Board approves funds for Zoo

SAN BERNARDINO- On Tuesday morning, the Board of Supervisors approved the final allocation of funds for the Big Bear Alpine Zoo Relocation Project.

The Board approved the inclusion of \$1.7 million in the 2016-2017 Fiscal Budget which places total project costs at about \$10.4 million.

The Big Bear Valley Recreation and Park District (BBVRPD) currently operates and maintains the Big Bear Alpine Zoo (BBAZ) on a leased 2.3-acre site in the City of Big Bear Lake. BBAZ has occupied leased property for the past 54 years, with the last six years being on a month-to-month basis. BBAZ is being relocated to a property owned by BBVRPD within the City of Big Bear Lake's Moonridge business corridor.

The new BBAZ will feature five marquee exhibits (Grizzly Bear, Timber Wolf, Mountain Lion, Black Bear, and Snow Leopard), along with an Administration Building, Snack Bar, Ticket and Gift Shop, and multiple additional exhibits to relocate the entire collection.

Supervisor James Ramos commented, "The final piece of the project has been approved. We look forward to the completion of the zoo by the winter of 2018."

More information on this item can be found in the June 14, 2016 Board agenda at <http://cob-sire.sbcounty.gov/sirepub/>.

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